

EQIP Evaluation Worksheet for Grazing Lands
 CCC-1201 Supplement, FY 2005 - Pennsylvania (Last Revised 11/02/04)
 (The applicant shall agree to establish a Prescribed Grazing System)

Name: _____

County: _____

Resource / Concern / Evaluation	Treatment	Points Awarded	Practice(s) to be implemented (Codes)	Conservation Practice Effect Expected
SOIL / Sheet & Rill Erosion				
Erosion	Erosion from grazing fields and/or cropland fields that will be converted to grazing will be reduced. 1 Ton/Ac/yr = 5 points (Max. of 35 points)			
	Producer will convert cropland to grazing land. Points based on the percentage of land, from the grazing land proposed for contract, that will be converted cropland. Max. points is 30. Points = Multiply the % of land converted by 30			
total				

WATER: Nutrient Management				
Overstocking, poor distribution of manure on pastures.	Will implement a Prescribed Grazing system with off-stream water supply in each paddock:			
	Grazing period per paddock of 4-6 days = 10 points			
	Grazing period per paddock of 3 or less days = 15 points			
Runoff from animal concentration areas.	Over used areas on pastures that are creating an environmental problem will be treated = 10 pts.			
total				

WATER: Water Sources and Riparian Areas				
Livestock in surface water sources, streambanks are bare or unstable.	Livestock will be excluded except for stable crossings. = 20 points			
total				

WILDLIFE / Habitat Improvement (maximum of 15 points) (This shall be new acreage and the practices will be managed to benefit at risk species ¹ of wildlife)				
Little or no habitat for at risk species	Will establish one or more of the following practices:			
	Field Borders, 386, 30 ft. wide minimum, 3% or 1 Ac ² of contract acreage. (see note) = 15 points			
	Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer ³ , 55 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length = 15 points			
	Riparian Herbaceous Buffer, 30 ft. wide minimum, 100% of degraded stream length = 15 points			
	Pasture & Hay Planting with warm-season grasses ⁴ , 512 (3% or 1 Ac of contract acreage.) = 15 points			
total				

Human/Social (maximum of 15 points)				
With the contract a RMS ⁵ plan (that includes a new wildlife habitat practice for at risk species) will be implemented.	5 points			
Land under perpetual farmland preservation easement ⁶ .	5 points			
Land proposed for contract is within a 303(d), Category 5, State Water Plan Subbasin that is being impaired by agricultural activities	5 points			
Applicant will participate in a cooperative arrangement with neighbors to install conservation practices in contiguous land.	5 points			
Applicant has secured additional non-federal funding (other than the applicant's) for this project.	5 points			
Producer developed a Prescribed Grazing Plan ⁷ at least 3 months prior to EQIP application	5 points			
total				

Evaluated by: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

Producer's signature: _____

1 At risk species = In Pennsylvania primarily grassland birds.

2 When contract acreage is ≤ 33 Ac the 3 % applies, for 34 Ac and over 1 Ac applies.

3 Three Zone Riparian Buffer= buffer comprising the two forest zones and the herbaceous cover zone described on PATG.

4 The management for at-risk species will include delaying harvest until August 1.

5 RMS = Resource Management System; highest level of conservation treatment

6 Farmland Preservation Easement: Deed restriction on record at court house.

7 Prescribed Grazing Plan = Grazing plan according to conservation practice 528A

Note: The fence to separate the field border from the grazing field will meet the NRCS standard for exterior fence.